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## **WEST VIRGINIA 2018 ANNUAL CROP PRODUCTION, WINTER WHEAT SEEDINGS, GRAIN AND HAY STOCKS**

**Charleston, West Virginia – Winter wheat** planted acres totaled 7,000 in 2018, down 1,000 acres from 2017. Area harvested for grain totaled 3,000 acres, down 1,000 acres from 2017. The average yield for 2018 was estimated to be 46.0 bushels per acre. This was down 23.0 bushels per acre from 2017. Production was estimated at 138,000 bushels, down 50 percent or 138,000 bushels from 2017. **Winter wheat seedings** for the 2019 crop are estimated at 6,000 acres, down 14 percent or 1,000 acres from 2018.

**All hay** area harvested in 2018 totaled 535,000 acres, down 32,000 acres from 2017. The average yield in 2018 was 1.72 tons per acre, down 0.06 ton per acre from 2017. Production totaled 922,000 tons, down 87,000 tons from 2017. **December On Farm Hay Stocks** were 770,000 tons, down 120,000 tons from the total of 890,000 tons in 2017.

**Alfalfa hay** area harvested totaled 15,000 acres in 2018, down 2,000 acres from 2017. Yields in 2018 averaged 2.50 tons per acre, down 0.2 ton per acre from 2017. Production totaled 38,000 tons, down 8,000 tons from 2017. New seedings of alfalfa in 2018 are estimated at 3,000 acres, up 1,000 acres from 2017.

**All other hay** area harvested totaled 520,000 acres in 2018, down 30,000 acres from 2017. Yields averaged 1.70 tons per acre, down 0.05 tons per acre from 2017. Production totaled 884,000 tons, down 79,000 tons from 2017.

**Corn area planted** for all purposes in 2018 totaled 46,000 acres, down 4,000 acres from 2017. Harvested area **for grain** totaled 33,000 acres, unchanged from 2017. The average yield of 152.0 bushels per acre was unchanged from 2017. Production was 5,016,000 bushels, unchanged from 2017.

**Corn for silage** area harvested was 11,000 acres in 2018, down 5,000 acres from 2017. Yields averaged 19.0 tons per acre, down 1.0 ton per acre from 2017. Silage production was estimated at 209,000 tons, down 111,000 tons from 2017.

**Soybeans area planted** totaled 28,000 acres in 2018, up 1,000 acres from 2017. Area harvested for soybeans totaled 27,000 acres, up 1,000 acres from 2017. The yield for soybeans in 2018 averaged 53.5 bushels per acre, down 0.5 bushels per acre from 2017. Production was estimated at 1,445,000 bushels, up 3 percent or 41,000 bushels from 2017.

**Maple syrup number of taps** in 2018 was 66,000, down 4,000 taps from 2017. Yield per tap was 0.121 gallons, down 0.036 gallons from 2017. Production totaled 8,000 gallons in 2018, down 27 percent or 3,000 gallons from 2017.

The total area planted to **principal crops** in West Virginia totaled 616,000 acres in 2018, down 36,000 acres from 2017. Area harvested totaled 609,000 acres, down 37,000 acres from 2017. Principal crops include acres planted to corn, soybeans, wheat, and acres harvested for all hay.

## UNITED STATES WITH PREVIOUS YEAR COMPARISONS

- All wheat production - 1.88 billion bushels, up 8%.
- Winter Wheat production - 1.18 billion bushels, down 7 %.
- 2019 Winter wheat seedings - 31.3 million acres, down 4% from 2018.
- 2018 Alfalfa seedings - 2.22 million acres, up less than 1% from 2017.
- Alfalfa hay production - 52.6 million tons, down 6%.
- All other hay production - 71.0 million tons, down 2%.
- All hay production - 124.0 million tons, down 4%.
- Corn planted for all purposes area - 89.1 million acres, down 1%.
- Corn for grain area harvested - 81.7 million acres, down 1%.
- Corn for grain production - 14.4 billion bushels, down 1%.
- Corn for grain yield - 176.4 bushels per acre, down 0.2 bushels per acre.
- Corn for silage harvested area - 6.11 million acres, down 4%.
- Corn for silage production - 121.0 million tons, down 5%.
- Corn for silage yield - 19.9 tons per acre, down 0.1 ton per acre.
- Soybean production - 4.54 billion bushels, up 3%.
- Soybean yield - 51.6 bushels per acre, up 2.3 bushels per acre.
- All tobacco production - 533.0 million pounds, down 25%.
- Oats production - 56.1 million bushels, up 13%.
- Maple syrup production - 4.16 million gallons, down 5%.
- Area planted to principal crops - 319.6 million acres, up less than 1%.
- Area harvested for principal crops - 300.6 million acres, down less than 1%.

## U.S. STOCKS TOTALS AS OF DECEMBER 1, 2018

- Hay stocks on-farms - 79.1 million tons, down 6%.
- Corn stocks on-farms - 7.45 billion bushels, down 4%.
- Corn stocks off-farms - 4.50 billion bushels, down 7%.
- All wheat stocks on-farms - 504.0 million bushels, up 28%.
- All wheat stocks off-farms - 1.50 billion bushels, up 1%.
- Soybean stocks on-farms - 1.94 billion bushels, up 30%.
- Soybean stocks off-farms - 1.80 billion bushels, up 7%.
- Oats stocks on-farms - 25.4 million bushels, up 9%.
- Oats stocks off-farms - 41.8 million bushels, down 3%.